



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Woods et al.  
Title: Process for Hydroxyalkylating Carboxylic Acid-Functionalized Materials  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Dear Sir:

In response to the March 6, 2001 Final Office Action, please amend the present application as follows:

Please cancel claims 1 and 8 without prejudice.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

2. A process for preparing a dihydroxyl-functionalized material by hydroxyalkylating a dicarboxylic acid-functionalized material, said process comprising the step of: reacting as reactants: (a) a dicarboxylic acid-functionalized material selected from the group consisting of dicarboxylic acid-functionalized polymers of: polybutadiene, poly(butadiene-co-acrylonitrile), poly(acrylonitrile) and combinations